

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

Applicants	Timothy Graham Frank, <i>et al.</i>
Application No. 10/849,400	Filing Date: May 19, 2004
Title of Application:	Medical Grasping and Holding Instrument
Confirmation No. 6980	Art Unit: 3734
Examiner	Michael G. Mendoza

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**Response to Official Action**

This is a Response to the outstanding Final Office Action mailed **July 30, 2009**. Please enter this Response in the above-referenced application. The Response is being filed in conjunction with a Request for Continued Examination (RCE), along with the appropriate fees therefor. Applicant believes that no further fee is due in connection with the filing of this Response. However, if any further fee is due please charge Deposit Account No. 19-4516.

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